

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), the ranking female member on the House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement regarding U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips' ruling that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is unconstitutional:

"Judge Phillips' decision underscores the urgent need to repeal the military's outdated 'don't ask, don't tell' policy. At a time when our military is stretched too thin, those who are willing, able, and capable of serving should be able to serve. This is an issue of fairness that affects every single American, regardless of sexual orientation. I urge Congress and our military leaders to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell' as soon as possible."